

SENATE No. 1676

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brendan P. Crighton

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act further regulating group insurance benefits for state employees and retired state employees.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Brendan P. Crighton</i> | <i>Third Essex</i> | |
| <i>Hannah Kane</i> | <i>11th Worcester</i> | <i>3/15/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Crighton, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1676) of Brendan P. Crighton and Hannah Kane for legislation to further regulate group insurance benefits for state employees and retired state employees. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1489 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act further regulating group insurance benefits for state employees and retired state employees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 1, 2, 25 and 26 the word “five”, and
3 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word:- ten.

4 SECTION 2. Section 6 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby amend by striking
5 out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The amount of group
6 life insurance on each employee shall be ten thousand dollars, and the amount of group
7 accidental death and dismemberment insurance on each employee shall be ten thousand dollars,
8 except that those employees desiring to elect optional coverage in excess of ten thousand dollars

9 group life insurance and ten thousand dollars group accidental death and dismemberment
10 insurance may do so as provided in section ten A.

11 SECTION 3. The first paragraph of section 10 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is
12 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting

13 in place thereof the following sentence:- The commission shall require that, upon
14 retirement of an employee, the policy or policies of insurance as set forth in section six, except
15 the optional group life insurance referred to therein, shall provide that the ten thousand dollars of
16 group life insurance, the ten thousand dollars of group accidental death and dismemberment
17 insurance and the group general or blanket insurance providing hospital, surgical, medical, dental
18 and other health insurance, as provided under sections five and ten C, as may be applicable, shall
19 be continued, provided said retiree makes application to the commission on a form prescribed by
20 the rules and regulations of the commission.